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AMENDMENT AFTER SECOND (NON-FINAL) ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 23 October 2002, please consider the following, providing a one-month extension of time, requested herewith. Additionally, please charge any additional fees that may be due to Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claim 10 to read as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) A multi-use assay system for use with a removable test strip having a test pad, the multi-use assay system comprising:
an electronics printed circuit board having an alignment fixturing;
an optics system for alignment with the removable test strip, the optics system comprising a lens, an emitter and a detector, wherein the emitter and detector are mounted in the electronics printed circuit board relative to the alignment fixturing;

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